

Pitchers and Catchers to Report Thursday

MANAGER JACK TIGHE WANTS TO OBTAIN LINE ON TALENT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

Youngsters Will Report at Douglass Park for First Time This Week.

Transportation was wired today by Manager Jack Tighe of the Islanders to pitchers and catchers with word for each to be in Rock Island on Thursday, April 1, to start work of taking the kinks out of arms. Those who will report on that day are:

Catchers—Pat O'Connor, R. E. McConnell, Leo Dixon and Dave Nelson.

Pitchers—Shackelford, Smith, Krause, Jones, O'Neill, Brundage and Benson.

Manager Jack also announced this morning that he is in touch with two twirlers of note who at present are with big teams in southern training camp, and a shortstop who is being tried out by a major organization. Jack believes he will get these men if they will stick in fast company this season.

Oscar Graham of Moline, who for several years was the pitching sensation of the Three-Eye, will also be a monkey-lick and attempt to cage a comeback. Oscar was out to see Jack Saturday and impressed him with his statement that he has regained considerable of his old-time condition and is fit for anything this league will demand of him. Jack is confident that if Oscar returns to his old stride he will prove a valuable addition to the pitching department of the Islanders.

Tighe's purpose in calling the twirlers and backstops first is to give him an opportunity to size up the youngsters early and determine where he stands in these two important departments of the game. If they fail to show necessary class he will have time to go out after top-notch material to take their places.

Two Likely Catchers. In O'Connor and Dixon he believes he has obtained a pair of catchers of extraordinary ability for youngsters. O'Connor has played several seasons of league baseball and was much sought after by Western league teams this year. Dixon is breaking into the league game this year but for several seasons past has performed in the Knights of Columbus semi-pro organization in Chicago. He comes highly recommended.

The first of next week will witness the arrival of other members of the squad. With favorable weather conditions, Tighe expects to whip a formidable aggregation into shape for early season training camps.

Part of Fence Down.

Yesterday's wind played havoc with the fence around Douglas park. About forty feet of the sign were blown over. However, a staff of workmen was on the job early this morning repairing the damage. The playing field is still in a soggy condition, due to the rains.

Daily Calendar of Sports

RACING.

Winter meet of Cuba-American jockey club at Havana.

BENCH SHOW.

Annual show of the Mississippi Valley Kennel club at St. Louis.

GOLF.

United North and South open championship tournament opens at Pinehurst.

BOXING.

Willie Jackson vs. Richie Mitchell, 10 rounds at Milwaukee.

Battling Levinsky vs. Chick Wiggins, 12 rounds at Canton, Ohio.

Battling Ortega vs. Tillie Herman, 10 rounds at San Francisco.

Gene Brouseau vs. Walter Laurite, 10 rounds at Montreal.

ADMIT BOYS FOR 2-BITS.

St. Louis, Mo., March 29.—The St. Louis Americans will admit boys under 14 years of age to the pavilion—the 75 cent seats—for 25 cents. This was announced following receipt of word from other team owners in the league that no objection would be made to the arrangement.

MORDECAI BROWN TO TAKE REGULAR TURN ON MOUND

Bloomington, Ind., March 29.—Mordecai Brown, for years star pitcher of the Cubs, admits the old "zip" isn't quite there in his twirling, but believes his pitching arm still strong enough to hold off the batters in the Three-Eye league the coming season. Brown will manage Terre Haute again this year, and expects to twirl regularly.

MARTIN BURKE TO MEET BOB MARTIN IN EARLY JUNE

New Orleans, La., March 29.—Martin Burke, former national amateur heavyweight boxing champion, has accepted terms to battle Bob Martin, American expeditionary force champion, 15 rounds on July 5 either at Akron or Canton, Ohio. Matt Hinkle of Cleveland is the promoter.



Chick Shorten.

BY NORMAN E. BROWN.

Chick Shorten, one of the members of the hard hitting quartet of Tiger outfielders, stands out as one of the greatest place hitters in the great national game. His ability to place "em "where the fielders ain't," coupled with his ability to hit "em "at a 315 gait (his last year's speed) makes him as valuable a man to the Tigers as either Veach or Flagstead, although he hit a bit below them. Old timers will tell you Shorten is a second Willie Keeler. Sounds good. Others will compare him with Jess Burkett. This may be nearer correct. For Shorten had an opportunity to learn Burkett's style and acquire the "inside dope" on place hitting that Burkett could give him. Shorten at one time played for Burkett at Worcester, Mass., and teammates (including Steve O'Neill of the Indians) tell us that Jess spent hours a day coaching Chick. Burkett's work bore fruit. Chick's batting average jumped from .285 to .345 while with Jess.

Shorten first broke into print as a member of the famous Minooka (Pa.) Blues, an amateur team that sparkled years ago—due to the brilliant playing of O'Neill, McNally, Festus Higgins and some other boys who broke into the majors on the reps they acquired with the Catholic Temperance league club.

Chick was born in Scranton, Pa., in 1892. Burkett grabbed him from the Minooka club in 1913 and two years later the Red Sox took him south and then turned him over to the Providence club. He was recalled in the spring of 1916, turned back for a few weeks and then recalled again in time to break into the world's series. He made his series debut in the third game, getting three hits in four trips to the plate, driving in one of the two runs in the sixth inning rally which threatened to destroy Brooklyn's four run lead. Shorten's single in the fifth and final game helped put the contest and series on ice. He was with the Red Sox until Jan. 17, 1919, when the Tigers got him in the cracker box swap arranged by Detroit, Washington and Boston, the Sox giving Shorten, Pitcher Love and Ainsmith for Oscar Vitt, after acquiring Ainsmith and Dumont for Janvrin and some cash.

The Boys in the Other Car

By Grove



LISTENING TO A COUPLE OF EGGS PAN YOUR LITTLE PARTY YOU HAD'M TO LAST NIGHT

EX-CHAMPION SCHEDULED TO ATTACK PINS

Jimmy Smith of Milwaukee in Peoria With Arcade Five-In Individuals Also.

Peoria, Ill., March 29.—Jimmy Smith of Milwaukee, a former champion, was to roll here today in the American Bowling congress. He was to appear on a late shift in the team events with the Arcades of Milwaukee and will roll in the individuals and 2-men events Tuesday. The Champion Spark Plugs of Toledo also were rolling.

Five-men teams on the drives today from Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Toledo, Trenton (N. J.), Wheeling, W. Va., Columbus, Cleveland, Detroit, Louisville, Chicago, Kokomo and Marion, Ind.

Bowlers from Chicago, Columbus, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Wichita Falls (Texas), were to shoot in the singles and doubles.

Attacks on the late shift last night failed to bring high scores. Marott Shoe Shop of Indianapolis was high with 2,844, landing among the top 20 teams.

The leaders today are:

FIVE-MEN.

Brucks, No. 1, Chicago 3,096

Central Alleys, Indianapolis 3,056

Livestock Press, Chicago 2,990

Fleming Furnitures, Cleveland 2,947

Birk Brothers, No. 2, Chicago 2,927

TWO-MEN.

M. Erickson-E. Krebs, Chi. 1,301

D. Debito-F. Luby, Chicago 1,273

H. Thom's-H. Votel, Pittsburgh 1,269

J. Nevari-A. Hartman, Chi. 1,258

O. Whitehead-E. Grubb, St. L. 1,257

A. Schultz-F. Haack, St. L. 1,257

INDIVIDUALS.

B. Megeowan, Evansville 698

J. Lellinger, Chicago 692

R. Pekie, Chicago 684

R. Meyer, St. Louis 683

J. Hradek, Chicago 682

ALL-EVENTS.

J. Hradek, Chicago 1,886

R. Meyer, St. Louis 1,885

E. Krebs, Chicago 1,881

E. Krescher, Chicago 1,863

H. Votel, Pittsburgh 1,863

The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

Ballad of Brave Life.

We have fought—but have lost;
We have tried—but we have failed;
We have paid the bitter cost;
Yet our hearts have never quailed;
We have fallen in the fray
Through the sweep of countless suns;
Yet we've risen, and today
We are standing to the guns.

We have felt the slash of pain
Where the gory cleft was deep;
We have battled long in vain
But have never stopped to weep;
Fate has charged with lance and shield
Till the plain was sodden red,
Be we held the shattered field
By the ramparts of our dead.

We have dreamed throughout the night—
Not of glory without end,
But the whirlwind of the fight
Which the coming day would send;
We were broken and we fell
To the bitter depths—and then
From the very maw of hell
We have struggled back again.

Hans Wagner stepped into major league circles in 1897. Fifteen years later, in 1911, he led the National League for the last time with a mark of .354.

Ty Cobb entered major league play in 1905. Fifteen years later he was still leading the American League.

Beyond his 15th year Wagner began to skid slowly, but surely. He was never able to lead the league again beyond that date. Cobb in his 16th season is still to be heard from.

All Records Go.

Cobb's first complete campaign as a regular came in 1907. Out of the 13 seasons that he has known since he has led the league on 12 occasions, a record never even approached among the batsmen of all time.

Tris Speaker stepped forth one season and prevented a clean sweep, but a batting leadership that takes charge of 12 years out of 13 starts is something no fan of the present epoch will ever see again.

"I picked Cleveland to win the pennant," writes Old Timer, "in 1904, 1905, 1908, 1918 and 1919. Am I downhearted? Not a bit. This same pick goes for 1920. I may be wrong, but that's my story, and I'm going to stick by it."

If Cincinnati and Cleveland both win the Buckeye State may get over it in time, but it will never look quite the same. "Babe" Ruth has been insured against everything but a batting slump. If this dread disease should ever overtake the mighty "Babe," nothing could be done about it beyond waiting for the depressing shadow to break and pass.

Approaching Sorrow.

The final kink
From which I shrink—
The putt that hovers on the brink,
And will not sink.
"White Sox in trouble!" Picking up where they left off last fall.

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CARPENTIER IS READY FOR HIS MOVIE CAREER

French Champion to Work From Early Morning Until Late at Night for Pictures.

New York March 29.—Georges Carpentier, French idol and European heavyweight boxing champion, is about to discard the cloak of social attraction extraordinary for the business of earning some of the wealth which was a chief incentive for his coming to America.

The popular son of France will enter upon his career as a silent drama actor tomorrow in the studio of the Robertson-Cole Film company, Fort Lee, N. J. According to the schedule arranged by the moving picture officials, Carpentier will be an extremely busy individual for the succeeding seven weeks.

The itinerary of his screen posing schedule provides that Carpentier will be busy every day from early morning until late evening, and, further, that he will spend some of his nights in pursuit of his picture activities.

The purpose back of all this activity is to get the picture completed as soon as possible.

Carpentier, as the hero, and the moving picture company, as the producers, have a mutual desire for this result. Georges is scheduled to commence a boxing exhibition tour May 3, under direction of Jack Curley, wrestling promoter. This undertaking will extend over 10 weeks, and Curley may exercise the privilege of an option for an additional five weeks. Unless rapid picture shooting is accomplished it may be necessary to defer the start of the exhibition tour.

To Box in Many Cities.

On the boxing tour Carpentier will be called upon to display his ability in a different city, against a different rival, every day. This does not mean that the French boxer is to engage in real combat, nor does it infer that Carpentier is to take to the road on the basis of meeting all comers. Carpentier's opponents will be selected by Curley as additions to several sparring partners who will be enlisted for the purpose.

The tour of exhibition bouts is scheduled to commence in Newark. Whether Carpentier's debut will be on the theatrical stage or in the ring is a matter yet to be decided.

INCREASE PRICES IN ASSOCIATION

Chicago, March 29.—Twenty-five cent baseball in the American association is no more. The high cost of the national game will be ushered in with the opening of the 1920 campaign.

President Hickey announced today that with the start of the pennant race April 14 the prices of all seats in every park in the league would be slightly raised to meet the mounting cost of operations and the higher salaries paid baseball players.

The fan who last season paid 20 cents, war tax included, for a favorite spot in the bleachers, will be obliged to lay down 50 cents this season. This includes the war tax. The price of grandstand seats will be advanced from 60 to 75 cents, war tax included. But there is solace for the fan who sits in the reserved seats. The price will remain the same—85 cents. The price of box seats, however, will be fixed by each individual club.

President Hickey, in his statement announcing the increase, declared that a readjustment of the prices of admission was absolutely necessary to assure success of the game. He declared that operating expenses since the organization of the American association 19 years ago had doubled and in some instances were three times as high, whereas the price of admission had remained the same.

THORPE SIGNS WITH AKRON.

Akron, Ohio, March 29.—Jim Thorpe, the noted Indian athlete, has signed a contract to play with the Akron club of the International league. Thorpe, who was with the Boston Nationals last year was purchased by Akron.

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LARGE DELEGATION OF FANS TO COME WITH DOIG TO SEE HIM AGAINST BUM STUEHMER

MITCHELLS GIVE NEAT TRIMMING TO VERNONITES

Los Angeles, Calif., March 29.—The Cubs blanked Vernon Saturday, 2 to 0. Jim Vaughan pitched five innings and Bailey four. The Tigers nipped Jim for six hits. Plack made three of the Cubs' walk-offs off Fromme and Dell, former major leaguers. Friberg and Pearce starred in the field. Chick Gandil of the White Sox was at the game and said he would start soon for his Idaho ball job. Score:

CHICAGO	R. H. P. A.
Flick, cf	0 3 0
Paskert, lf	0 0 0
Friberg, 2b	1 1 4
Deal, 3b	0 1 0
Robertson, rf	0 1 0
Lear, 1b	0 11 0
Pearce, ss	1 0 2
Killefer, c	0 1 5
O'Farrell, p	0 1 0
Vaughan, p	0 0 1
Bailey, p	0 0 0
Totals	2 7 27 11

VERNON

Mitchell, ss	0	2	1	2
Chadbourne, cf	0	1	1	0
High, lf	0	2	1	1
Long, rf	0	1	1	0
Fisher, 2b	0	0	4	1
Borton, 1b	0	0	13	1
Morse, 3b	0	2	0	3
Devorner, c	0	2	6	1
Fromme, p	0	0	0	0
Dell, p	0	0	0	3

Chicago.....1100000000-0

Vernon.....0000000000-0

Errors—Mitchell, Devorner, Dell.

Two base hits—Friberg. High.

Bases on balls—Off Fromme, 1.

Del, 3; Vaughan, 1. Struck out—

By Fromme, 1; Dell, 4; Vaughan, 4.

CROWD OF 4,000 SEES PENN QUINTET ANNEX BIG TITLE

Princeton, N. J., March 29.—Pennsylvania won the national collegiate championship Saturday night when the Red and Blue defeated Chicago in the third and deciding game on the Tigers' court by a 23 to 21 score. Chicago had won the first game played in Chicago and Pennsylvania evened the series by taking the second contest at Philadelphia. This made a third game necessary and it was played here on a neutral floor and before some four thousand spectators.

CEDAR RAPIDS IS PREP CHAMPION

Madison, Wis., March 29.—The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, team won the middleweight interscholastic basketball championship Saturday night by defeating Winfield, Kan., 21 to 20, in the fastest game of the tournament. Cedar Rapids led at the end of the first half, 14 to 9, and although Winfield staged a strong rally in the last period it could not get into the lead. Superior, Wis., won third place, beating Canton, Ill., 25 to 11.

Heavy Advance Sale Indicates a Capacity House For Thursday Night Milling.

"Goats" Doig, Spring Valley's pride, will be accompanied to Rock Island Thursday by a large delegation of fans from his home town and La Salle, intent upon seeing him in action against "Bum" Stuehmer of Davenport, before Babe Meanor's club in the Empire rink. Up around that section of the state, the boxing bugs look upon "Goats" as the coming successor of Jack Britton in the welterweight division. He has already held Britton to close work in the ring and his recent draw with Navy Rosteen saved further to insure his position among the topnotchers of that class.

Promoter Meanor states that he is enjoying a heavy advance sale of ringside seats for the milling, an indication that the rink will be the scene of an immense turnout for the festivities. "Bum" Stuehmer has a great following in Davenport, not one of whom will miss this chance to see him against the redoubtable Doig if it can possibly be helped.

Stuehmer is training as he never trained before for this match. He believes that he will hang a kayo on the record of the Spring Valley man, and he has no end of backers who confidently expect such a result. It will be a case of two willing mixers, than whom there is no better mixers, pitted against each other for 10 rounds, and there will be many surprised ones in the arena that night if both men are on their feet at the final gong.

A considerable amount of interest is being expressed in the semi-windup of the evening, in which Battling Johnson of Natick will clash for six rounds with Sergeant Gerver of Camp Grant. It has been many months since the fans have seen Johnson in action but his slugging victory over Kid Cutie is still being talked about. Having come along rapidly he is in a position to break into the higher class and if he beats the soldier-fighter handily Thursday night it will mean more important matches for him. Moline fans are planning on turning out in droves to see this new favorite son wield his mitts.

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